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Responsive to the Office Communication entitled "Response to Amendment" dated October 11, 2001, enclosed is a supplemental amendment in the above-identified application.

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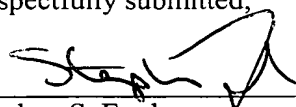
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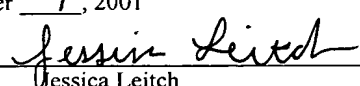
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Communication entitled "Response to Amendment" dated October 11, 2001, claims 8 and 10 have been amended to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b). Reconsideration is requested in this Supplemental Response to Office Action.

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

8. (Thrice Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:
- a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;
  - a pin attached to the hand of a skier;
  - an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and locking the pin to the ski pole grip;